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Briefing

The China Lobby Lives

The network of American supporters of Chiang Kai-shek, anti-Communists and conservatives with an economic stake in the Orient who were an active force in Washington in the Eisenhower years, still maintains a presence in the capital despite the continuing reconciliation between the Reagan Administration and the People's Republic.

The Committee for a Free China, nothing daunted, has mailed out a post-election appeal for funds, expressing confidence that the President in his second term "will continue to stand firm on preserving the freedom of the 18 million Chinese people of the Republic of China on Taiwan" and "will also try to loosen the bonds of oppressive Leninist-Maoist dictatorships that are holding back the 1 billion people on the mainland of China."

The committee chairman is Dr. Walter H. Judd, 86 years old, who served as a Republican member of the House of Representatives after having been a medical missionary in China in the 1920's and 30's. The president is Ray S. Cline, a longtime officer of the Central Intelligence Agency and its predecessor, the Office of Strategic Services, now affiliated with the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies.

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